

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1424

By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize The Kingsmen, gospel music's most prominent quartet.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that this General Assembly should pay homage to those inspirational artists who perform pure and passionate gospel music; and

WHEREAS, The Kingsmen are an exemplary gospel quartet who have inspired and uplifted their audience with their unique singing style since the group's inception in 1956; and

WHEREAS, in addition to selling countless records, including their new release *When God Ran*, The Kingsmen have received several Grammy nominations, won four Dove Awards, and been inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, not content to rest upon their expansive legacy as influential artists and pioneers in their musical genre, The Kingsmen are helping to define Southern gospel music for a new generation of music lovers; and

WHEREAS, The Kingsmen tour extensively year in and year out, always keeping in mind their collective goal: to spread the message of Jesus Christ through their music; and

WHEREAS, the current Kingsmen lineup features: Ray Dean Reese - bass; Phillip Hughes - lead; Bryan Hutson - baritone; Harold Reed - tenor; and Brandon Reese - drummer; and

WHEREAS, Kingsmen bass singer Ray Dean Reese will soon be inducted into the Southern Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame as a member of the 2008 class; and

WHEREAS, for 52 years, The Kingsmen have spread the Good News of the Gospel through their beautiful and inspiring brand of Southern gospel music, and they should be commended for entertaining their faithful fans and helping to bring meaning to thousands of lives through the love of Jesus Christ; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize The Kingsmen, gospel music's most prominent quartet, for their ongoing legacy of making great music with a great message and wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we congratulate Kingsmen Ray Dean Reese upon his induction into the Southern Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.